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1. APRIL 5 EL DIA PICKS UP ARTICLE DATED IN MEXICALI WHICH EVIDENTLY APPEARED IN LA VOZ DE LA FRONTERA. IN ARTICLE WHICH ALLEGEDLY BASED ON DISPATCH BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF THAT PAPER FROM DENVER, LA VOZ STATES THAT PROBLEM OF SALINITY PREVALENT IN COLORADO BASIN STATES AS WELL AS IN MEXICALI VALLEY.

2. ALSO INCLUDED ARE STATEMENTS THAT DENVER OFFICE OF BUREAU OF RECLAMATION SHOWED LA VOZ JOURNALIST DOCUMENTS WHICH, INTER ALIA, ALLUDE TO A TEN- YEAR STUDY COSTING SOME EIGHTEEN MILLION DOLLARS; STUDY WOULD INCLUDE FEASIBILITY OF USING IMPERIAL VALLEY GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES FOR DESALTING.

3. ARTICLE ENDS BY SAYING THAT ONLY QUESTION WHICH BUREAU OF RECLAMATION OFFICIALS REFUSED TO ANSWER WAS THAT INQUIRING AS TO WHAT WILL BE DEFINITIVE SOLUTION TO PROBLEM.
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